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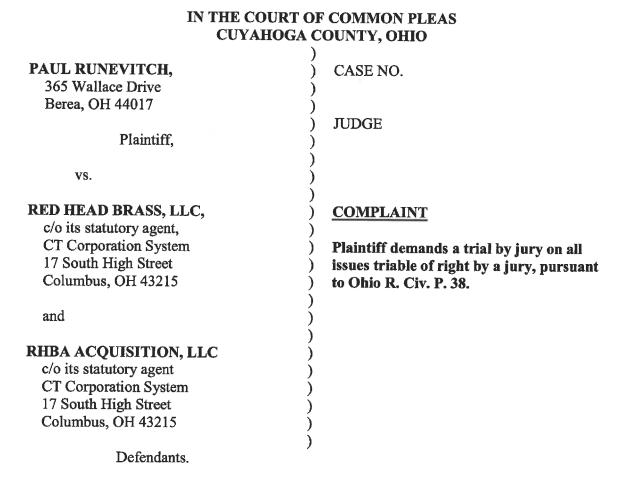
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RED HEAD BRASS, LLC, ET AL.

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INTRODUCTION

- 1. Plaintiff Paul Runevitch ("Mr. Runevitch" or "Plaintiff") brings this action against Defendants Red Head Brass, LLC and RHBA Acquisition, LLC ("Defendant") for claims including violations of Chapter 4112 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Family and Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. Section 2601, et seq. (the "FMLA").
 - 2. Plaintiff is an Ohio citizen, and a resident of Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

- 3. Defendant has its principal place of business in Shreve, Ohio, and regularly conducts business in the State of Ohio.
- 4. Plaintiff is an "employee" within the meaning of Chapter 4112 of the Ohio Revised Code and the FMLA
- 5. Defendant is a "person" and "employer" within the meaning of Chapter 4112 of the Ohio Revised Code and the FMLA.
 - 6. Jurisdiction and venue are proper.

FACTS APPLICABLE TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

- 7. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations from the preceding paragraphs as if fully re-alleged herein.
 - 8. Defendant hired Mr. Runevitch in or about 1994.
- 9. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Plaintiff was able to perform and did successfully perform the duties and responsibilities of the position(s) he held.
- 10. During his employment, Plaintiff engaged in protected activity within the meaning of Chapter 4112 of the Ohio Revised Code and the FMLA, including by seeking accommodation and medical leave for a disabling medical condition during his employment.
- 11. Defendant was aware of Plaintiff's health, medical conditions, and protected activity.
 - 12. On or about October 29, 2018, Defendant terminated Plaintiff's employment.
- 13. Defendant did not terminate Plaintiff for any reasons related to his qualifications, work performance, adherence to company policy or practice, or for just cause.
- 14. Defendant refused to reinstate, rehire, transfer or reassign Plaintiff to available positions for which he was qualified.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Age Discrimination in Violation of R.C. § 4112.02)

- Plaintiff incorporates by reference the previous paragraphs as if fully re-alleged herein.
 - 16. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff was over the age of forty (40).
- 17. Defendant replaced Plaintiff with a substantially younger employee(s) and/or transferred Plaintiff's work to a substantially younger employee(s).
- 18. Defendant unlawfully discriminated against Plaintiff because of his age, with respect to the terms and conditions of his employment, including, but not limited to, unfairly and discriminatorily scrutinizing and evaluating his work; subjecting him to false and discriminatory performance assessments and criticisms; deviating from established progressive discipline practices, policies and procedures; imposing disparate and discriminatory standards and measures of performance and behavior; reprimanding him for conduct that his younger counterparts were not reprimanded for; terminating him from his position; and, refusing to transfer, re-assign or rehire Plaintiff to his former position or to other open positions for which he was qualified.
- 19. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unlawful conduct, Plaintiff suffered and will continue to suffer economic and non-economic compensatory damages including, but not limited to, back pay, front pay, past and future economic losses, lost earning capacity, pain and suffering, and the loss of salary, benefits, and other privileges and conditions of employment.
- 20. Defendant intentionally, willfully, wantonly, recklessly, and maliciously violated Plaintiff's rights under R.C. §§ 4112.02 and 4112.99. Pursuant to R.C. §§ 4112.02 and 4112.99, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for past and future economic and non-economic compensatory

damages, back pay, front pay, punitive damages, attorneys' and expert fees, costs, interest, and any equitable relief that this Court deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, reemployment and promotion.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Disability Discrimination in Violation of R.C. Chapter 4112)

- 21. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the previous paragraphs as if fully re-alleged herein.
- 22. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff suffered from one or more disabling medical conditions that substantially limited him in one or more major life activities.
- 23. Defendant knew of Plaintiff's disabilities and his record of disability, and/or regarded him as disabled during his employment.
- 24. Plaintiff requested reasonable accommodation(s) for his medical condition during the course of his employment.
- 25. Defendant unlawfully discriminated against Plaintiff because of his disability, with respect to the terms and conditions of his employment, including, but not limited to, unfairly and discriminatorily scrutinizing and evaluating his work; subjecting him to unwelcome harassment and a hostile work environment; refusing to provide him reasonable accommodation; subjecting him to false and discriminatory performance assessments and criticisms; deviating from established progressive discipline practices, policies and procedures; imposing disparate and discriminatory standards and measures of performance and behavior; reprimanding him for conduct for which his younger counterparts were not reprimanded; terminating him from his position; and, refusing to transfer, re-assign or rehire Plaintiff to his former position or to other open positions for which he was qualified.

- 26. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unlawful conduct, Plaintiff suffered and will continue to suffer economic and non-economic compensatory damages including, but not limited to, back pay, front pay, past and future economic losses, lost earning capacity, pain and suffering, and the loss of salary, benefits, and other privileges and conditions of employment.
- 27. Defendant intentionally, willfully, wantonly, recklessly, and maliciously violated Plaintiff's rights under R.C. §§ 4112.02 and 4112.99. Pursuant to R.C. §§ 4112.02 and 4112.99, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for past and future economic and non-economic compensatory damages, back pay, front pay, punitive damages, attorneys' and expert fees, costs, interest, and any equitable relief that this Court deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, reemployment and promotion.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Retaliation in Violation of R.C. Chapter 4112)

- 28. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the previous paragraphs as if fully re-alleged herein.
- 29. Plaintiff engaged in protected activity during his employment by conduct including but not limited to opposing Defendant's conduct and seeking and taking reasonable accommodation for a disability.
- 30. Defendant failed to take prompt, remedial, and appropriate steps to address the unlawful discriminatory treatment of Plaintiff.
- 31. Defendant retaliated against Plaintiff because of his protected conduct in violation of Chapter 4112 of the Ohio Revised Code, including by refusing to investigate and address his concerns; subjecting him to a hostile work environment; unfairly changing the terms, conditions and privileges of his employment; denying him opportunities that were given to candidates who

did not engage in protected activity; undermining his professional relationships; terminating his employment; and refusing to transfer or re-assign Plaintiff to his former position or to other open positions for which he was qualified.

- 32. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unlawful conduct, Plaintiff suffered and will continue to suffer past and future economic and non-economic damages, including, but not limited to, back pay, front pay, past and future economic losses, lost earning capacity, pain and suffering, and the loss of salary, benefits, and other privileges and conditions of employment.
- 33. Defendant's discriminatory actions against Plaintiff in violation of R.C. § 4112.02(I) were willful, in bad faith, conducted with malicious purpose, or conducted in a wanton or reckless manner. Pursuant to R.C. §§ 4112.02 and 4112.99, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for past and future economic and non-economic compensatory damages, back pay, front pay, punitive damages, attorneys' and expert fees, costs, interest, and any equitable relief that this Court deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, re-employment and promotion.

FOURTH AND FIFTH CAUSES OF ACTION

(Family and Medical Leave Act Interference and Retaliation)

- 34. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing as if fully re-alleged herein.
- 35. During the course of his employment, Plaintiff suffered from one or more serious health conditions within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 2611.
- 36. Defendant knew of Plaintiff's serious health condition(s) and the medical necessity of Plaintiff taking medical leave for treatment.
- 37. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff was an eligible employee within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 2611.

- 38. Plaintiff provided Defendant with notice of her need for leave as was practicable under the circumstances.
- 39. Defendant interfered with Plaintiff's FMLA leave, and terminated Plaintiff's employment because he had requested and taken a period of leave to which he was entitled under the FMLA.
- 40. Defendant refused to consider Plaintiff for reinstatement to his former position and other open positions for which he was qualified because he had requested and taken a period of leave to which he was entitled under the FMLA.
- 41. Defendant's aforementioned conduct was undertaken, in whole or in part, in interference of and retaliation for Plaintiff's exercise of rights under the FMLA in violation of 29 U.S.C. § 2615, for which Defendant is liable for economic damages, pre-judgment interest, and attorneys' fees and costs in accordance with 29 U.S.C. § 2617.
- 42. Defendant's conduct was not undertaken in good faith and renders Defendant liable for liquidated damages and related costs and expenses in accordance with 29 U.S.C. § 2617.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Plaintiff Paul Runevitch seeks an amount in excess of \$25,000 to fully, fairly and justly compensate his for injury, damage and loss, and respectfully prays that this Court enter judgment in his favor and award his past and future economic and non-economic compensatory damages, fringe benefits, consequential damages, incidental damages, punitive damages, liquidated damages, interest, attorneys' fees, all fees and costs, and any additional equitable relief that the

Court deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, back pay, front pay, reinstatement and promotion.

Respectfully submitted,

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If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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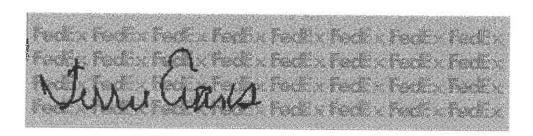
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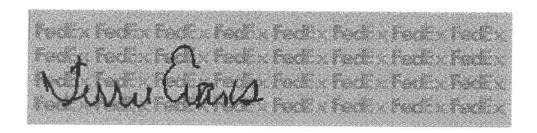
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